



Technique:	Sewing, Fabric Crafting
Designed By:	Linda Turner Griepentrog
Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	Approximately 4½" (11.43cm) tall

Featuring Dual Duty XP® all-purpose, Coats Button & Craft Thread

A perfect embellishment for a sewing tree, or use it as a package tie-on for a sewing friend. This yo-yo ornament is a great "on-the-go" project. Make the yo-yos elsewhere and then do the final assembly at home.

Supplies

- Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread
- Coats® Button & Craft thread
- (1) new green Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread spool, for tree base
- Scraps of 7 assorted holiday prints
- (1) plastic soda straw (green is ideal)
- (2) star buttons, 1¼" (3.18cm)
- Craft glue
- Spring clips

Cutting

From the assorted holiday prints, cut:

(7) circles total, one each of 6½" (16.51cm), 6" (15.24cm), 5½" (13.97cm), 5" (12.70cm), 4½" (11.43xcm), 4" (10.16cm), and 3½" (8.89cm) diameters

Making the Yo-yos

1. Thread a hand-sewing needle with a double strand of All-purpose thread. Turn under ¼" (.64cm) around the edge of each circle and use a running stitch to hold it in place around the perimeter.
2. Pull the thread to gather the circle outer edges. Tie off the threads to secure. There should be a small hole in the center of the yo-yo.
3. Repeat to create all the yo-yos needed for the tree.

Assembling the Tree

1. Add some glue to the hole in the thread spool base and push the end of the straw into the spool. Do not break the label seal on the bottom of the spool.
2. Make a small slit in the center of each yo-yo, just slightly smaller than the straw diameter.
3. Beginning with the largest yo-yo, push it onto the straw with the gathered side up, and slide it down to the spool. Do not flatten, but leave the yo-yo with a little pouffiness.
4. Thread on the other yo-yos in descending size order, leaving a small gap between, and again not flattening them.
5. Add a small drop of glue to secure each yo-yo hole in position, allowing some puff in the yo-yos, but no visible straw gap between. Allow to dry.
6. Trim off the straw to the desired height, leaving about ¼" (.64cm) above the top yo-yo.
7. Add some glue to top straw extension and clip to flatten. Allow to dry.

Finishing

1. Glue the star buttons back to back over the flattened straw extension and clip in place to dry.
2. Using Button & Craft Thread, sew the stars to the straw end, and extend the thread to make a hanging loop for the ornament.